

IN THE CLAIMS

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29. (Currently Amended) A method for manufacturing a stranded cable assembly having a stranded cable with a first end, a second end, a first termination affixed to said first end, and a second termination affixed to said second end, comprising:
 - a. applying a manufacturing jacket along the entire length of said stranded cable;
 - b. affixing said first termination to said first end of said stranded cable;
 - c. affixing said second termination to said second end of said stranded cable; and
 - d. stripping away substantially all of said manufacturing jacket from said stranded cable over said the portion of said stranded cable lying between said first termination and said second termination.

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36. (Original) A method as recited in claim 29, wherein said manufacturing jacket is removed by:

- a. creating a first radial slit around said manufacturing jacket proximate said first termination;
- b. creating a second radial slit around said manufacturing jacket proximate said second end;
- c. creating an axial slit between said first and second radial slits; and
- d. removing said manufacturing jacket between said first and second radial slits.

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43. (Currently Amended) A method for manufacturing a stranded cable assembly having a stranded cable with a first end, a second end, a first termination having a passage therethrough, and a second termination having a passage therethrough, comprising:

- a. applying a manufacturing jacket along the entire length of said stranded cable;
- b. affixing said first termination to said first end of said stranded cable by
 - i. placing said bore of said first termination over said manufacturing jacket and sliding said first termination along said manufacturing jacket a distance from said first end;
 - ii. removing a length of said jacket from said first end in order to expose a length of said stranded cable;
 - iii. affixing said first termination to said exposed length of said stranded cable;

- c. affixing said second termination to said second end of said stranded cable by
 - i. placing said bore of said second termination over said manufacturing jacket and sliding said second termination along said manufacturing jacket a distance from said second end;
 - ii. removing a length of said manufacturing jacket from said second end in order to expose a length of said stranded cable;
 - iii. affixing said second termination to said exposed length of said stranded cable; and
- d. stripping away substantially all of said manufacturing jacket from said stranded cable over said the portion of said stranded cable lying between said first termination and said second termination.

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- 50. (Original) A method as recited in claim 43, wherein said manufacturing jacket is removed by:
 - a. creating a first radial slit around said manufacturing jacket proximate said first termination;
 - b. creating a second radial slit around said manufacturing jacket proximate said second termination;
 - c. creating an axial slit between said first and second radial slits; and

d. removing said manufacturing jacket between said first and second radial slits.

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57. (Currently Amended) A method for manufacturing a stranded cable assembly having a stranded cable with a first end, a second end, a first termination affixed to said first end, and a second termination affixed between said first end and said second end, comprising:

- a. applying a manufacturing jacket along the entire length of said stranded cable;
- b. affixing said first termination to said first end of said stranded cable;
- c. affixing said second termination between said first end and said second end;
- d. stripping away substantially all of said manufacturing jacket from said stranded cable over said the portion of said stranded cable lying between said first termination and said second termination; and
- e. stripping away substantially all of said manufacturing jacket from said stranded cable over said the portion of said stranded cable lying between said second termination and said second end.

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64. (Original) A method as recited in claim 57, wherein said manufacturing jacket is removed by:

- a. creating a first radial slit around said manufacturing jacket proximate said first termination;
- b. creating a second radial slit around said portion of said manufacturing jacket lying between said first and second terminations proximate said second termination;
- c. creating a first axial slit between said first and second radial slits;
- d. removing a portion of said manufacturing jacket lying between said first and second radial slits;
- e. creating a third radial slit around said portion of said manufacturing jacket lying between said second termination and said second end proximate said second termination;
- f. creating a fourth radial slit around said portion of said manufacturing jacket lying between said second termination and said second end proximate said second end;
- g. creating a second axial slit between said third and fourth radial slits; and
- h. removing a portion of said manufacturing jacket lying between said second termination and said second end.

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- 88. (New) A method as recited in claim 29, wherein said step of stripping away substantially all of said manufacturing jacket from said stranded cable is performed after affixing said first termination and second termination to said stranded cable.

89. (New) A method as recited in claim 43, wherein said step of stripping away substantially all of said manufacturing jacket from said stranded cable is performed after affixing said first termination and second termination to said stranded cable.
90. (New) A method as recited in claim 57, wherein said step of stripping away substantially all of said manufacturing jacket from said stranded cable is performed after affixing said first termination and second termination to said stranded cable.